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Amendments to the Specification:

Please amend the abstract as follows:

Methods are provided for preparing internucleotide phosphorothioate linkages ~~that are enhanced in the Sp or Rp enantiomer~~ comprising coupling a synthon with a 2'-substituted nucleoside in the presence of coupling agent that is selected to enhance either the Rp or Sp enantiomer.